

Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A telemetry apparatus for notifying a user of moving out of a coverage area, comprising:

means for establishing a connection with a network in communication with a central monitoring station; and

means for transmitting an audio or visual signal as the user moves out of the coverage area of the network.

2. (Original) The telemetry apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising means for collecting patient data of the user.

3. (Original) The telemetry apparatus of Claim 2, further comprising means for processing the patient data for a subsequent transmission to the central monitoring station.

4. (Original) The telemetry apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising means for displaying a visual signal as the user moves out of the coverage area of the network.

5. (Original) The telemetry apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the visual signal is transmitted after a predetermined time period has expired.

6. (Original) The telemetry apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the visual signal is transmitted after a predetermined number of attempts to reconnect to the network has failed.

7. (Original) The telemetry apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the audio signal is transmitted after a predetermined time period has expired.

8. (Original) The telemetry apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the audio signal is transmitted after a predetermined number of attempts to reconnect to the network has failed.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for notifying a user of moving out of a coverage area, comprising:

a central monitoring station wirelessly communicating with a plurality of the telemetry devices for processing patient data;

wherein, said telemetry device includes:

means for establishing a connection with the central monitoring station; and

means for transmitting an audio or visual signal as the user moves out of the coverage area of the network of claim 1.

10. (Original) The system of Claim 9, further comprising means for collecting the patient data of the user.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 9, wherein the audio or visual signal is transmitted after at least one of a predetermined time period has expired and a predetermined number of attempts to reconnect to the network has failed.

12 (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for notifying a user of moving out of a coverage area, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a connection with a network in communication with a central monitoring station; and

providing a central monitoring station in communication with a plurality of telemetry devices in a network;

continuously collecting patient data from the respective telemetry devices to the central monitoring station;

~~detecting when at least one of the telemetry devices moves out of the coverage area of the network; and,~~

transmitting an audio or visual signal ~~[[when]] as~~ the user moves out of the coverage area of the network.

14. (Original) The method of ~~Claim 13~~claim 21, wherein the detecting step further comprises the step of:

detecting whether at least one of the telemetry devices loses the connection with the central monitoring station for more than a predetermined time period.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim 14~~claim 21, wherein the audio or visual signal is transmitted after a predetermined number of attempts to reconnect to the network has failed.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A device for wirelessly transmitting patient information to a central monitoring station comprising~~The telemetry apparatus of claim 2, wherein:

the means for collecting the patient data includes a sensory circuit for receiving patient data from a monitoring device;

a sensory circuit for receiving patient data from a monitoring device;
the means for establishing the connection includes a transmitter for transmitting the patient data to the central monitoring station, wherein the patient data from the monitoring device, to the sensory circuit, to the transmitter, to the central monitoring station defines a patient data transmission chain; and

the means for transmitting the audio or visual signal includes a device for producing a signal when the patient data transmission chain is disrupted for a predetermined threshold.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~device-telemetry apparatus~~ of claim 16, wherein the predetermined threshold is a predetermined time period.

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~device-telemetry apparatus~~ of claim 16, wherein the predetermined threshold is a predetermined number of attempts to reestablish the patient data transmission chain.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~device-telemetry apparatus~~ of claim 16, wherein the signal is audio, visual, or a combination thereof.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~device-telemetry apparatus~~ of claim 16, wherein the signal is transmitted to a separate device.

21. (New) The method of claim 13, further including:

providing a central monitoring station in communication with a plurality of telemetry devices in a network;

collecting patient data with one of the telemetry devices;

transmitting the patient data from the respective telemetry device to the central monitoring station; and

detecting when at least the respective telemetry device moves out of a coverage area of the network.